

*Welcome to
Immanuel Lutheran Church*

Immanuel means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23)

Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ since 1888

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Immanuel Lutheran Church is a
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Sunday Schedule

Worship for everyone online

Wednesday Schedule

Junior High & High School
Youth Group "Refuge" Meet
from 6:00PM-8:00PM on Zoom

Welcome to You in Your Home while we worship God! God invites all who would seek His face to worship Him this morning. Be open to the Holy Spirit as you hear God's Word and sing His praises. He is mighty and worthy of our praise! We are well-aware of the challenges we all face with the health crisis we are enduring. Stay tuned: we will be together soon! Let us continue to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

Immanuel is part of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). Our Core Values include being Christ-Centered, Mission-Driven, Traditionally-Grounded and Congregationally-Focused.

To learn more about Immanuel please call the church office or fill out the worship registration slip on the back page of your bulletin and place send it in to the church. The office would like to keep track of all of the worshippers this week.

Call a friend immediately following your worship and talk and enjoy fellowship over the phone, maybe while you each enjoy a snack. Keeping connected to are brothers and sisters in Christ is important and very uplifting. Phone a friend!

Order of Worship

Prelude

Laurel Jacobsen

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Silence for reflection

Time of Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: It is good to come to a service like this and get all “charged up” to go out and change the world. But how long will it take before we find ourselves right back in the old routine? How long before apathy sets in, and school and work become burdensome, and we lose the fire? Let us confess our complacency before God, and ask him to rekindle our faith and the work of His Holy Spirit in us.

(A time of personal reflection and confession)

ALL: Almighty God, Father of all mercy, I ask Your forgiveness that I so easily fall into apathy and complacency. Today I may be excited about You and what I do as a believer to advance Your Kingdom. But I know I’ve been excited before, and too quickly lost my zeal for You. Please forgive me. Please cause Your Holy Spirit to fill me with lasting strength, so that I will not easily ignore the life-changing power You have deposited in me. Keep my eyes fixed on You, Lord Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of my faith.

Pastor: The same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead dwells in you. All your sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Revive Us Again”

Celebration# 434

Hallelujah Thine the glory Hallelujah amen
Hallelujah Thine the glory! Revive us again

We praise Thee O God for the Son of Thy love
For Jesus who died and is now gone above

We praise Thee O God for Thy Spirit of light
Who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain
Who has borne all our sins And has cleansed every stain

Revive us again fill each heart with Thy love
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above

John Jenkins Husband | William Paton Mackay

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The First Reading

Acts 2:1-21, read by Debby Saethre

¹When the day of Pentecost had come; they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will

pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Hearing Different Tongues Read John 3:16 – from Norway, Cambodia and Denmark

The Second Reading

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, read by Debby Saethre

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. ²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. ²⁶There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. ²⁷These all look to you to give them their food in due season; ²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. ²⁹When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. ³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. ³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works — ³²who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. ³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. ³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. ³⁵Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Special Music

“I Believe In Jesus”

sung by Mike and Laura Nielsen

The Gospel Lesson

John 7:37-39

³⁷On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Sermon

“Waking The Giant”

Pastor John

The Apostles' Creed

The Offering

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving, what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for the People

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Song

“O Day Full of Grace”

LBW# 161

O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be replete in his joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts emblazon.

O day full of grace, O blessed time, our Lord on the earth arriving;
Then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all retrieving;
For Jesus all mortals did embrace, all darkness and shame removing.

For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross was hanging;
And then he arose and moved the stone, that we, unto him belonging,
Might join with angelic hosts to raise our voices in endless singing.

God came to us then at Pentecost, his Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from him be lost, all darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all his healing.

When we on that final journey go that Christ is for us preparing,
We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, all joy of the heavens sharing,
And walk in the light of God's own place, with angels his name adoring.

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Announcements

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God! (*Sung*) Amen, Amen, Amen!

Postlude

Laurel Jacobsen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK: 6-1-2020. Focus our prayers for comfort during this time of pandemic. Psalms 23 NIV. "The LORD is my Shepard, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul! He guides me along the right paths for his name sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever".

OUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE HELPING IMMANUEL STAY IN TOUCH. Each council member has voluntarily taken names from our church directory to call weekly and see how our folks are doing during this difficult time. Please let us know if you are homebound and would like to be included (if you haven't been called). We are the Church and want us to stay in community. God loves you and so do we!

EASTON NEIGHBORHOOD MARKET will be Monday, June 1st in front of the Easton Presbyterian church drive by pick up on Willamette from approximately 12:00-2:00PM.

Prayers of the church

For Christ's Church: *Eternal God, we thank You for Your Church through which the gospel of Jesus Christ has been manifest in every age. As we move into a time of transition, help us to know that though the world around us changes, You do not change. And while we may not know what the future has for us, You know what that future looks like and are already there, so call us to Yourself and give us the courage and confidence to step out in faith.*

Members and their families serving in the military: *Kobe Bell, Joey Brewer, Henry Clark, Michael Hansen, Caleb Hathaway, Scott Linger, Matt Ward, & Matthew Tigchelaar.*

Those unable to travel about:

Olga Hansen, Elsie Hoff, Marilyn Iversen Art & Marian Olesen, Phyllis Petersen, and Howard Nielsen.

Those in need of healing: *Bobby Bell, Connie Bennetts, Mike Bennetts, Sandy Britter, Luanne Byrd, Daniel DiPietro, Shirley Keller-Firestone, Pat Griffin, Pastor Gary Gould, Jenny Lee Hodges, Marguerite Johnson, Florence Johnston, Darel Mehrten, Glenn & Marilyn Nielsen, Isaac Orozco Sr., Fil Navaro, Eva Orum, Chuck Phillips, Sr., Tim Pilegard, Virginia Pilegard, Ron Salwasser, Timm Trickett, & Joe Wozniczka.*

Continue to Pray for our Call Process:

For our Interim Pastor and the Call Committee as well as the new Pastor the Lord will send to Immanuel.

This Week at Immanuel

Today

10:30AM Worship for Everyone in your own shelter!

11:30AM Fellowship Time: phone a friend from church.

Monday

12:00PM Easton Food Distribution at Easton Presbyterian Church

The church staff continue working within the church as needed. The mail is picked up every day please don't worry about sending your offerings through the mail. Online giving is available there is a recurring donation option offered. See immanueleaston.com and click on donate.

The bulletins are being sent out via postal mail to those who do not have access to the internet. Bulletins are always available online. If you know of someone who would like to receive a bulletin in the mail, please call the church office.

Please remember to call a friend from church and continue to pray for those affected by this virus.

If you have a special prayer request or other need please call or email the church office. Messages are checked daily.

Stay safe, we are working together by working apart. Keep praying. God is good all the time! All the time, God is good.